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Idaho November Red Meat Production Up 6 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for November 2010 totaled 18.8 million pounds, up 6 percent from November of last year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Accumulated red meat production for the January-November 2010 period totaled 189.2 million pounds, down 10 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.33 billion pounds in November, up 9 percent from the 3.96 billion pounds produced in November 2009. Beef production, at 2.24 billion pounds, was 11 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.88 million head, up 11 percent from November 2009. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,299 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.3 million pounds, 4 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72,900 head, down 10 percent from November 2009. The average live weight was up 23 pounds from last year, at 269 pounds. Pork production totaled 2.07 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.97 million head, up 5 percent from November 2009. The average live weight was up 6 pounds from the previous year, at 278 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 14.3 million pounds, was down slightly from November 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 218,000 head, 1 percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, unchanged from November a year ago. January to November 2010 commercial red meat production was 44.7 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

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